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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideki KOMATSUDA et al.

Application No.: 09/396,582

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE METHOD USING SAME

Attention: OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Group Art Unit: 2882

Examiner: C. Church

Docket No.: 105203

**STATUS INQUIRY OF RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On July 16, 2002, Applicants filed a Renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment. A copy of the July 16, 2002 Renewed Petition and its enclosures is attached, along with the date-stamped receipt from the PTO. The Patent Office has not acknowledged that it has accepted the Renewed Petition.

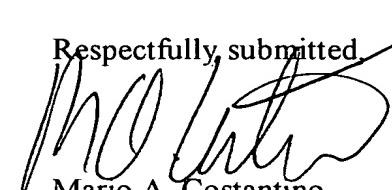
Accordingly, Applicants request that: (1) July 16, 2002 Petition be granted, (2) the April 11, 2002 Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and (3) the December 17, 2001 RCE and IDS be properly entered and considered by the Examiner.



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The appropriate Patent Office official is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions, or if anything further is desired by the Patent Office in order to grant this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

July 16, 2002 Renewed Petition
PAIR Printout
PTO Date-Stamped Receipt
December 21, 2002 Request for Continued Examination
December 17, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement with attachments

Date: January 24, 2003

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Renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment, PTO-date-stamped receipt, Request for Continued Examination, IDS, PTO-1449, European search report with one reference; PAIR printout

Name of Applicant: Hideki KOMATSUDA et al.

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Decision on Petition mailed by the Patent Office on July 5, 2002 for the above-identified application. On April 24, 2002 Applicants filed a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment in response to the Notice of Abandonment which was mailed on April 11, 2002. The July 5 Decision on Petition dismissed Applicants' Petition. Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office reconsider its decision, which is based on an incorrect understanding of the facts associated with this application.

As stated in Applicants' April 24 Petition, in response to the Notice of Allowance dated September 25, 2001, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 17, 2001, well prior to the December 25 due date for paying the Issue Fee. The July 5 Decision on Petition appears to completely overlook these facts, which were pointed out in Applicants' Petition. In addition, Applicants' Petition enclosed copies of the December 17 RCE and IDS, as well as the PTO-date-stamped receipt acknowledging that these documents were filed with the Patent Office on December 17. Another copy of these documents are attached hereto. Furthermore,

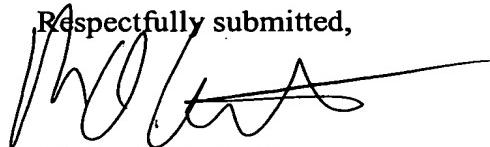
the PTO PAIR system clearly shows that these documents were received by the Patent Office on December 17 (see items 33-36 of the attached PAIR printout).

Thus, while the Decision on Petition correctly states that the September 25, 2001 Notice of Allowance was issued in response to an RCE and IDS (and an Amendment) filed on June 13, 2001 (in response to a previous Notice of Allowance), the Decision completely overlooks the fact that Applicants filed another RCE and another IDS in response to the September 25 Notice of Allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that: (1) Applicants' April 24, 2002 Petition be granted, (2) the April 11, 2002 Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and (3) the December 17, 2001 RCE and IDS be properly entered and considered by the Examiner.

Although it is believed that no fees are necessary for this Petition (see, for example, MPEP 711.03(c)(I)), the Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 15-0461 for any fees deemed necessary.

The appropriate Patent Office official is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions, or if anything further is desired by the Patent Office in order to grant this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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35	12-17-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Finish
34	12-17-2001	Workflow - Informational Disclosure Statement - Begin
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32	09-26-2001	Receipt into Pubs
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29	09-25-2001	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed
28	09-24-2001	Notice of Allowability
27	08-07-2001	Date Forwarded to Examiner
26	06-13-2001	Supplemental Response
25	08-07-2001	Date Forwarded to Examiner
24	06-13-2001	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
23	06-13-2001	Mail Express Abandonment (During Examination)
22	06-13-2001	Express Abandonment (during Examination)
21	06-13-2001	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
20	04-12-2001	New or Additional Drawing Filed
19	00-00-2001	Date Examined or Equivalent

18	08-07-2001	Withdrawal of Notice of Allowance
17	06-13-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Finish
16	06-13-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin
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RCE Transmittal, check no. 126045 (\$740); IDS, PTO-1449 w/European search report,
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**LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination and entry and consideration of the attached submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 126045 in the amount of \$740.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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